

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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IMPORTS/EXPORTS OF DRUGS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity and type of drugs including life saving drugs imported and exported during each of the last three years and proposed for the current year, separately, alongwith the name of countries and expenditure incurred thereon, type-wise and country-wise; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to ensure production of these drugs in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a) All the bulk drugs except a few are under free list of imports and can be imported without an import licence. Values of India's total import and Export of drugs and medicines during the last three years as per Foreign Trade Statistics of India- March, 1998,1999,2000 published by Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta are as under:

Item	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Import of Medicinal & Pharmaceutical Products	144711.68	161519.91	150230.30
Exports of Drugs, Pharmaceuticals & Fine Chemicals	541931.34	625606.68	663145.07

Drugs and Pharmaceuticals are being imported mainly from China, USA, Germany,U.K., France, Switzerland, Belgium, Republic of Korea, Netherlands, Italy, Japan,Denmark, Sweden, Russia and Ireland.The exports from India are mainly to USA,Russia, Germany, Hong Kong, U.K., Nigeria, Singapore, Netherlands, Iran, Brazil, Vietnam and China.

(b) : Industrial licensing for all bulk drugs and formulations cleared by Drug ControllerGeneral of India has been abolished except in very few cases. Higher return for basic stage production and exemption from price control for production based on indigenous R&D have been provided in the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995.